# **National Park Service**

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# National Parks: The Place to Be for Family Fun

"The national park idea has been nurtured by each succeeding generation of Americans. Today, across our land, the National Park System represents America at its best. Each park contributes to a deeper understanding of the history of the United States and our way of life; of the natural processes which have given form to our land, and to the enrichment of the environment in which we live."

George B. Hartzog, Jr. – NPS Director, 1964-1972

Every summer millions of Americans, as well as visitors from around the world, make a visit to at least one of America's National Parks. There are now 390 units in a National Park System that preserves and protects many of this nations' most valued natural and cultural areas. From the shores of Maine and Alaska to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado to the warm beaches of California and the Virgin Islands, national parks offer something for everyone.

This summer travel season will offer many new and exciting adventures for park visitors. In addition to the many traditional ranger led programs in the parks, there are many more special programs available for visitors to enjoy and a number of new facilities opening to the public this year.

The National Park Service has the honor of preserving stunning natural areas such as Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona or Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming/Montana, hallowed areas such as Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania or Kings Mountain National Military Park in South Carolina, and historic homes such as Harry S Truman National Historic Site in Missouri and Adams National Historical Park in Massachusetts. What better way to enjoy your summer than to visit a National Park and enjoy one of the many exceptional programs available to visitors.

The National Park Service has developed and made available a web site to help inform visitors about some of the special events and activities that have been planned for the upcoming travel season and information about what's new in national parks this year. Visit the "National Parks: The Place to be for Family Fun" website at <a href="http://www.nps.gov/pub\_aff/parks2007/index.htm">http://www.nps.gov/pub\_aff/parks2007/index.htm</a> to learn more about what's happening in national parks across the country.

# National Park Service Park Visitor Information – 2007

# Alaska Region

#### Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, AK

*Workshops/Programs/Films* (connected to the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in **September**, **October** and **December**, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in November: Long Winter Nights with guest speakers. For more information, contact the park at (907) 443-2522.

# **Intermountain Region**



Bent's Old Fort NHS

# Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site, CO

Film Premiere "Traders, Tribes and Travelers: The Story of Bent's Old Fort", March 29: Join park staff for the premiere of the park's first new orientation film in over 30 years. The new film will be shown to the general public for the first time at the Koshare Kiva, 115 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, La Junta, Colorado at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow with light refreshments and the opportunity to meet the filmmakers and some of the cast. For more information, contact the park at (719) 383-5010.

**Living History Encampment**, **June 9 – 10**: Visit the 1840s with teachers, students and living history volunteers and staff perfecting their  $19^{th}$  century skills. The encampment, which begins June 7, trains participants in presenting living history to the public. Event is open for the public to view ongoing demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday, June 9 – 10. Pre-registration is required for the full encampment (participation is limited). For information, call (719) 383-5023.

*Kids' Quarters*, **July 14**: Seven to eleven year-old children are invited to "step back in time" and experience the life of a trapper, trader, laborer, craftsman, Indian or soldier.

Kids learn and practice 19<sup>th</sup> century skills and experience living history for themselves. Registration is required; for application materials call (719) 383-5026.

Santa Fe Trail Encampment, October 6-7: The park's main living history event again takes place in the fall, and this year celebrates the traders, tribes and travelers associated with the Santa Fe Trail. Their camps, set up near the fort, will be open for touring. All together over 60 living history volunteers bring the post back to life during this major event! For more information, call (719) 383-5023.

**Holiday Celebration**, **December 7 – 8**: Witness for yourself the joys, pleasures and pastimes of the 1840s at an isolated trading post. The spirit of the season comes alive with wagon rides, games, toy making and other holiday festivities. The event begins Friday evening December 7 with candlelight tours of the fort and continues all through Saturday, December 8 culminating with another evening of candlelight tours. For reservations for the evening tours, phone (719) 383-5026 **after October 16, 2007**.

#### Capitol Reef National Park, UT

Old Time Easter Celebration at the Gifford House, April 7

Spring Social with pioneer craft demonstrations at Historic Gifford Farmhouse, May 19

Archeology Day Camp, June 24-27

Kids Frontier Days, September 17-20

#### Carlsbad Caverns National Park, NM

Celebration of the Night Star Party, July 13: To coincide with the New Moon, 2007's Celebration of the Night star party will begin the evening of July 13 and continue into the early morning hours of July 14. The park's location high on a ridgetop in the Chihuahuan Desert far away from city lights makes it the perfect place to view the stars. In addition to the annual Celebration of the Night, the park also conducts other star parties throughout the year. For more information, contact the park at (505) 785-3097.

50th Annual Bat Flight Breakfast, July 28: Over a thousand visitors each summer evening watch as several hundred thousand bats exit the cave each night. The Bat Flight Breakfast began in 1957 as a way to encourage visitors to see the bats' morning return flight. Before entering the cave in the morning, the bats circle several hundred feet overhead and then dive in clusters into the cave entrance. Unlike the shorter nighttime exodus out of the cave when the bats spiral up and leave the cave, the sunrise return to the cave normally spans several hours. Breakfast is served at 5 a.m. and is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

# Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, ND

Fort Union Rendezvous, June 14-17
Indian Arts Showcase, August 4-5
Living History Weekend, September 1-3
For more information, contact the park at (701) 572-9083.

#### Glacier National Park, MT

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Peace Park, September 9-12: Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park- the world's first International Peace Park- will celebrate its 75th Anniversary by hosting a major international conference "Parks, Peace, and Partnerships-A Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park". The conference, held at Waterton Lakes National Park (Alberta), will highlight the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park and will discuss peace parks as an instrument for transboudary management. Event coordinators are Mark Wagner and Brace Hayden. For more information about this event, contact the park at (406) 888-5838. (http://www.peaceparks2007.org/)

#### **Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, MT**

Western Heritage Days, July 28 & 29: This weekend long event is a celebration of ranching heritage geared to children and young people. On Saturday morning there will be an opportunity to see historic branding. Throughout the entire weekend (weather permitting) the park will be having haying demonstrations using draft hors3es and historic equipment. In addition, there will be a chuck wagon cook, blacksmithing, music, wagon rides, roping, games, children's programs, and presentation on ranch life of the past and present. For more information about this program, contact the park at (406) 846-2070.

#### **Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, CO**

Castles, Kites, and Concert, June 30: Sponsored by Friends of the Dunes and open to everyone. Spend a day at the dunes building sand castles at the edge of Medano Creek, flying your kites, and enjoying the beauty of the Great Sand Dunes. Friends of the Dunes members participate for free; a small registration fee is charged for non-members. Awards are presented for best sand sculptures. The venue for both the sand sculptures and kite flying is along Medano Creek near the main dunes parking area. A free concert by a local musician or musical group will be offered at the amphitheater, starting at 7 p.m. For more information, call 719-378-6399.



Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site

#### **Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, AZ**

Native American Art Auction, May 5 and August 25: The Friends of Hubbell Trading Post NHS, Inc. and the Western National Parks Association will host two Native American Art auctions for Hubbell Trading Post NHS. The auctions will include both contemporary and antique Navajo weavings, Pueblo Katsina dolls, pottery, paintings, carvings and baskets from many tribes. Each auction is held outdoors in a big tent. For more information about this event, contact the park at (928) 755-3475.

#### Montezuma Castle and Tuzigoot National Monuments, AZ

Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month, Three programs will be offered at Montezuma Well, a detached unit of Montezuma Castle NM. On **March 3** at 6:15 p.m. visitors may experience Montezuma Well by moonlight. This activity is designed to be a visual experience. The visitor is asked to use their sense of sight, and sound to imagine Sinaguan lifestyle. For more information about these events, contact the park at (928) 567-5276.

At 9:00 a.m. on **March 9**, Archaeologist John Schroeder will present a walking tour of Montezuma Well. He will discuss the prehistory of the Well and its inhabitants. Visitors have the opportunity to learn up-dated archaeological theories.

From 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on **March 24**, visitors have the opportunity to experience Montezuma Well via a newly released DVD from the National Park Service Dive Team. The DVD allows visitors to observe the water vents and aquatic life from the 50' depth of Montezuma Well.

#### **Mount Rushmore National Memorial, SD**

"Saturdays in the Park", June 16 – August 18: Join park staff every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. for "Saturdays in the Park Cultural Series offering special culturally diverse programs. For more information about this event, contact the park at (605) 574-3115.

# Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, AZ

**Season of Tradition, March** (every weekend): A celebration of Tohono O'odham culture with demonstrators, music and storytelling at the Kris Eggle Visitor Center. Admission is free, and demonstrators vary each weekend. Schedule will be posted on <a href="https://www.nps.gov/orpi">www.nps.gov/orpi</a>. For more information about this event, contact the park at (520) 387-6849.

# Petrified Forest National Park, AZ

Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month, March: Programs, demonstrations, and activities at the park and throughout the state offer visitors new insights into Arizona's many prehistoric and historic cultures. For more information about scheduled events and times, contact the park at (928) 524-6228.

Wildflower Week, April 30 – May 6: Exhibit and self-guided walks in the park.

*International Museum Day*, **May 18**: "Museums and Universal Heritage." Exhibit in the park and behind the scenes tours of the museum collections.

Art and Essay Contest, October: Starting in October, students will have the opportunity to compete in both an art and essay contest. Prizes will be given and students' work will be displayed throughout December. Visit <a href="www.nps.gov/pefo">www.nps.gov/pefo</a> for more information or call the Division of Interpretation and Education at (928) 524-6228 ext.264.

**Petrified Forest's 101**<sup>st</sup> **Anniversary**, **December 8-9**: Celebrating the establishment of the park as a national monument 101 years ago on December 8, 1906 and its upgrade to national park status 45 years ago on December 9, 1962.

#### Rocky Mountain National Park, CO

John Denver Tribute Concert, August 18: Concert will benefit Rocky Mountain National Park's Next Generation Fund (youth education). Stanley Park Fairgrounds, Estes Park, CO. The second annual benefit concert sponsored by Rocky Mountain Nature Association will raise funds for educational programming in Rocky Mountain National Park through a celebration of the music of environmentalist John Denver. Call (970) 586-3262 for additional information on the concert and to purchase tickets.

#### Tumacacori National Historical Park, AZ

*La Fiesta de Tumacacori*, **December 1 – 2**: Events to be announced. For more information about this event, contact the park at  $520\ 398-2341$ .

#### Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, OK

*Old Settler's Reunion*, **April 16-21**: The event is held everyday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Old Settler's Reunion commemorates the 1892 land run of western Oklahoma. In 2007, during the state's centennial celebration activities, the town of Cheyenne is hosting the big event. Local businesses report that reservations are already being made so we suggest making reservations as soon as you are able in Cheyenne or in one of the surrounding towns. For more information about the events being held during this week of activities, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (580) 497-3318 or contact the park at (580) 497-2742 x 3

# **Midwest Region**



Effigy Mounds National Monument

#### Effigy Mounds National Monument, IA

*National Park Week and Earth Day*, **April 22-29**: Join park staff for the annual weeklong celebration of America's National Parks beginning on Earth Day. Special events and programs will be held daily, including Woodland Wildflower Walks, Special Earth Day Hikes, and a Tyke Hike. Please call the park after March 31 at (563) 873-3491 for a full list of programs and to sign up.

Guided Bird Walks, April – September: Departing from the visitor center, one guided bird walk will be held each month beginning April 22 at 10:00 a.m. Walk wetland and upland forest trails overlooking the heart of the Upper Mississippi Wildlife and Fish Refuge. For more information and a complete list of times for Bird Walks, contact the park at (563) 873-3491.

Ranger Programs, June 17 – September 3: Ranger programs will be held daily starting on June 16. Programs scheduled are: Indian Village/ Boardwalk Trail Walk, Junior Ranger Saturdays, Ancient Indian Tools, Prairie Walks, Atlatl Demonstrations.

Other programs offered throughout the year too – contact the park at (563) 873-3491 for a complete list of programs and times.

# Fort Larned National Historic Site, KS

*Old Guard Annual Meeting*, **May 5**: Popular presentations and living history about the Indian Wars and Santa Fe Trail. Reservations required for some events. For more information, contact the park at (620) 285-6911.

*Memorial Weekend Living History Event*, May 26-28: Fort Larned will present the largest living history event in western Kansas. For more information, contact the park at (620) 285-6911.

**Labor Day Weekend Living History Event**, **September 1-3**: The park will host an Indian Wars living history event. For more information, contact the park at (620) 285-6911.

*Candlelight Tour*, **October 13**: Park staff will present an entertaining evening of tours with vignettes from the Fort's history. Reservations open two weeks prior to the event. For more information, contact the park at (620) 285-6911.

*Christmas Past*, **December 9**: Join park staff for a free old fashioned Yuletide celebration with soldiers, hot apple cider, cookies, Santa Claus and Christmas Carols. 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM. For more information, contact the park at (620) 285-6911.

#### Fort Smith National Historic Site, AR

Execution Anniversary Programs, See dates below: Programs are presented at the reconstructed gallows on the anniversary dates of executions carried out during the years that the federal court at Fort Smith had jurisdiction over Indian Territory. Federal executions were conducted for 23 years, from 1873 through 1896. Seventy-nine of the eighty-six men executed here were put to death during Judge Isaac Parker's tenure. The talks will provide a general over view of the federal court during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, federal law involving capital crimes, and conditions in the Indian Territory. Park rangers will present information about the condemned individuals executed on the specific date as well as information related to their court case. The free programs are offered at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the following dates:

**March** 17, **April** 3, 8, 13, 17, 19, 21, 23, 27, 30, **June** 26, 28, 29, 30, **July** 1, 6, 9, 11, 23, 25, 30, **August** 6, 15, 29, 30, **September** 3, 8, 9, 20, **October** 7, 10, **December** 20. For more information, contact the park at (479) 783-3961.

# **Harry S Truman National Historic Site, MO**

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, **December 8**: Join park staff as they celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the designation of the Harry S Truman Home as a unit of the NPS. For more details of events scheduled, contact the park at (816) 254-9929.

# **Homestead National Monument of America, NE**

*Heartland Storytelling Festival*, May 3 & 4: Join park staff for the Heartland Storytelling Festival from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day. The event is held at the park visitor center. For more information about this event, contact the park at (402) 223-3514.

# **Hot Springs National Park, AR**

Anniversary of Hot Springs Reservation, April 20 & 21: Activities will kick off on Friday with educational programs in the morning and a special ceremony at 3 p.m. with events continuing in the evening. Visitors will be able to meet "Andrew Jackson" the President who signed the legislation creating Hot Springs Reservation on April 20, 1832. Deer Dancers from Hot Springs sister city Hanamaki, Japan will perform. On Saturday

there will also be free entertainment throughout the day. More details will be announced later. For more information about these events, contact the park at (501) 623-2824.

#### **Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, IA**

*Hooverfest*, **August 3** − **5**: 19<sup>th</sup> century craft demonstrators will present their skills near the Birthplace Cottage and the Blacksmith Shop. The festival will also have food vendors, free children's activities, an outdoor art show, and community events. Presidential Road Races and Hooverball National Championships on Saturday require fees to participate. A complete schedule of events and activities is available online at <a href="https://www.hooverassociation.org">www.hooverassociation.org</a>. For more information about this festival, contact the park at (319) 643-5327.

**Prairie Heritage Day**, **September 3**: Call the park at (319) 643-5327 for more information about this event.



Jefferson National Ezpansion Memorial

# Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, MO

Anniversary of Dred Scott Decision, March 3: The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (March 6, 1857) of the Dred Scott Decision, which began in St. Louis' Old Courthouse and was set in motion by two St. Louis slaves, Dred and Harriet Scott. A special exhibit at the Old Courthouse on the case and its impacts and connections to the civil rights movement in this country will open on March 3 and run for one year. For more information about this special exhibit, contact the park at (314) 655-1600.

# Ozark National Scenic Riverways, MO

**Two festivals of traditional Ozark culture** - the Ozark Heritage Days will be held **June 8th & 9th** at Big Spring near Van Buren, Missouri, and the "Haunting in the Hills" will be held at Alley Mill near Eminence, Missouri in October. (dates TBA) Both events feature live music, storytelling, demonstrations of traditional crafts such as barrelmaking, candlemaking, soapmaking, wood carving, etc. During the summer, there will be ongoing craft and cultural demonstrations at Alley Mill, as well as exciting and informative interpretive programs every weekend in the major campgrounds. The historic Alley Mill will be open daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day for those looking to get a feel for life in an Ozarks frontier settlement of the 1890s, complete with one

room school and blacksmith shop. For more updated information see our website at: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/ozar">www.nps.gov/ozar</a>.

#### Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, OH

Carronade Weekends, June – Dates TBA, July – Dates TBA: A series of cannon firing demonstration swill be conducted using the monument's reproduction 32-pounder carronade. Interpretive talks and firing demonstrations will take place on Saturday and Sunday at 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. All firing demonstrations will take place on the monument grounds just to the west of the Memorial.

*Interpretive Programs*, **Summer**: Daily interpretive talks by park rangers will begin the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>. Talks are given every hour beginning at 11:00 am and ending at 4:00 pm. Friday through Sunday, the talks are given by rangers in period clothing and followed by a musket firing demonstration.

*Historic Weekend*, **September 8-9**: Parade. Memorial Program (Location TBA), Historic weekend in September is a celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie. Activities for the weekend include a formal ceremony, a performance by the Toledo Symphony, War of 1812 encampment, cannonade and musket firing demonstration, a parade, and a Boy Scout Camporee. Toledo Symphony (Location TBA) (Evening performance: 6:30 pm). For more information about these programs, contact the park at (419) 285-2184.

### Voyageurs National Park, MN

*Kid's Art Contest Preparation* in Orr, **April 7**: Voyageurs National Park is sponsoring the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kid's Art Contest for National Park Week in April. Come to the Orr Travel Information Center from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. to play park-inspired games and to create a drawing or painting to enter the contest. At supplies will be provided and all entries will be exhibited at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Prizes will be awarded in several age categories and all young artists will receive a Certificate of Participation for entering the contest. For more information about this special event, contact the park at (218) 283-9821.

National Park Week Open House and Kids Art Awards Ceremony, April 21: Join park staff for family fun, games, snacks and treats and the Awards Ceremony for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Art Contest at the park. For more information, visit the park website at <a href="https://www.nps.gov/voya">www.nps.gov/voya</a> or call the park at (218) 283-9821.

**Birders Rendezvous**, **June 1-3**: Join park staff for a weekend of fun and learning as we welcome back thousands of migratory birds. Enjoy guided boat tours, canoe trips, walks and lectures. Some events require a fee, all require pre-registration. Visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/voya or call the park at (218) 283-9821.

# **National Capital Region**

#### Anacostia Park, National Capital Parks-East, D.C.

**Spring Bike/Bird Tour**, **March 22**: Welcome spring with a ranger and bike ride to see the spring changes in birds along the Anacostia River. An easy flat ride, beginners welcome. Bring your bike – binoculars are helpful. Meet at the skating pavilion. For more information, contact the park at (202) 472-3873.

#### **Arlington National Cemetery, VA**

*Memorial Day* – **May 28**: Memorial Day will be commemorated at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with a wreath laying ceremony and a special military concert on May 28 at 11 a.m. The U.S. Army Band will perform. For further information call 703-695-3175.

The Women's Memorial Annual Memorial Day - The Women's Memorial annual Memorial Day ceremony on May 28 will include remarks by military women and personal tributes to departed comrades. The Women In Military For America Memorial is the nation's only major memorial honoring all servicewomen, past, present and future. For further information call 703-533-1155.

**Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** - The nation's veterans who died in war are honored with a wreath-laying ceremony on **November 11** at 11 a.m. followed by a memorial service. The President of the United States or a representative will lay the wreath. A military band will provide music. For further information call 703-607-8000.

Women In Military Service For America Memorial, at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery - A wreath will lay at the memorial during a ceremony at the memorial with formal military honors, keynote address and veteran's remarks on **November 11** at 3:30 p.m. For more information call 1-800-222-2294.



Catoctin Mountain Park

# Catoctin Mountain Park, MD

Basic Orienteering, March 18, 24, 25 & April 7, 18: Learn basic map and compass skills to navigate your way through the woods. Join park staff for a one hour instruction

indoors followed by self navigation on the orienteering course which takes approximately 2 hours. All supplies will be provided, but dress for outdoor and trail walking. Reservations are required; contact the park at (301) 663-9388.

The park also offers a variety of other programs throughout the year, including Junior Ranger programs, nature walks, campfires talks, and wildflower walks. For a complete list of events and programs contact the park at (301) 663-9388 or visit the park website at <a href="https://www.nps.gov">www.nps.gov</a>.

#### Clara Barton National Historic Site, MD

"Clara Barton Red Cross Angel", March 18: Attend a special performance of "Clara Barton Red Cross Angel" by Mary Ann Jung. Award winning actress Mary Anne Jung offers an exciting and personal window on one of history's most famous women in this solo, interactive performance. Program begins at 2:00 p.m. For more information about this performance, contact the park at (301) 320-1410.

The park also offers a variety of Junior Ranger Programs and this year from May 1-31, The Art of Clara Barton exhibit will be open to the public. For more information about Junior Ranger programs, the art exhibit and other programs, contact the park at (301) 320-1410 or go to the park's website at <a href="https://www.nps.gov">www.nps.gov</a>.

#### Columbus Memorial Statue, D.C.

Anniversary Celebration, October 8: Columbus Plaza, Union Station. This year we celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of the Columbus Memorial Statue. The monumental statue was dedicated June 8, 1912. The National Columbus Celebration Association and the National Park Service invite you to participate in the Columbus Day Ceremony. The official national ceremony celebrates the achievements of the great explorer. Columbus Day is always celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in October (this year it's October 8 at 11 a.m.) For information call 202-619-7222.

# Fort Washington, National Capital Parks-East, D.C.

The Women of Fort Washington, March 10 & 11: Why did women choose to leave their homes and join the army? What were they doing at Fort Washington during the Civil War and World War II? Join a park ranger as they answer these and other questions about the women's involvement in Fort Washington's history. Programs run from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact the park at (301) 763-4600 for more information about this program.

# Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, WV

**Don Redman Heritage Concert**, **June 30:** The Sixth Annual Don Redman Heritage Concert will be held on the grounds of Mather Training Center (former Storer College) on Saturday June 30 at 6:00 P.M. The concert is free and will feature special guests and the Howard Burns Quartet. For more information about the concert, contact the park at (304) 535-6029.

#### **Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens, D.C.**

Garden tours - Anacostia Ave. & Douglas Street NE. It's that time of the year; Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of July visitors are invited to enjoy more than 75 varieties of blooming lilies and lotus in a park setting that is of outstanding design and beauty. Night tours of the gardens will also be held during the months of August and September. Visitors are encouraged to bring a flashlight and insect repellant. Entertainment will be provided for the children. Mini-workshops will also be available on water gardening, nature videos and tours of the greenhouses. A photography contest will be held based on photos taken of the scenery at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. Submit original photographs only. Please call for details. For further information call 202-426-6905.

*Junior Ranger Day*, **August 1**: Join park staff and learn about bike safety, first aid, double Dutch, baseball pitching, pond fun, pet care and many other fun activities. Kids can earn a Junior Ranger badge by completing five events. For more information, contact the park at (202) 426-6905.

#### Korean War Veterans Memorial, D.C.

Korean War Armistice Day Ceremony - (July 27 at 10 a.m.) This year marks the 57th Anniversary of the Korean War. On June 25, 1950, the North Korean Army-organized, equipped, and abetted by the Soviet Union-lunged across the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel to subdue its countrymen to the south. This year also marks the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, and 9th Anniversary of the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Armistice Day will be observed on the same day and time the cease fire took effect in Korea in July 27, 1953. A formal wreath-laying ceremony will take place. Contact: 202-619-7222.

# Mary Mcleod Bethune Council House National Historic Site, D.C.

**Bethune Statue** – **July 10**: Lincoln Park, 11th and East Capitol Streets NE, Washington, DC - July 10<sup>th</sup> is the official birthday of Mary McLeod Bethune. A formal wreath-laying ceremony at 6 p.m. celebrates the 132nd birthday of the African-American educator, human rights activist and founder of the National Council of Negro Women, Mary McLeod Bethune. This year's celebration marks the 33rd anniversary of the wreath-laying ceremony and the erection of the Bethune Memorial on July 10, 1974. Those wishing to attend will gather in Lincoln Park at the 12-foot tall Bethune Statue. For further information call 202-673-2402.

#### National Mall, D.C.

41st Annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival - The 41st Annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival (**June 27 -July 1 and July 4-8**) is co-sponsored by the National Park Service and continues its run on the National Mall from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. between 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets. Evening performances are from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The 2007 program will highlight diverse cultures of the Mekong River; Northern Ireland and the roots of Virginia. For additional information, call 202-357-2700. All events are FREE.

America's 2006 Independence Day Parade - Constitution Ave. between 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Streets, NW. The parade on **July 4** at 11:45 a.m. celebrates the 231st birthday of the United States of America. More than 3000 performers, dancers, cultural organizations, giant balloons, floats, and military personnel from thirteen States will march down Constitution Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> streets. The parade is estimated to last approximately 2 hours. The parade is free and open to the public. Contact: 202-619-7222.



President's Park (White House)

#### Presidents Park (White House), D.C.

*National Christmas Tree Lighting and Pageant of Peace* - This year marks the 84th National Christmas Tree, opening the annual Christmas Pageant of Peace. **Date and time to be determined.** For further information call 202-208-1631.

Lighting Ceremony – (NW end of Ellipse near Constitution Ave) - This year is the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Chanukah Menorah and the 28<sup>th</sup> Lighting Ceremony. The lighting of the world's largest Menorah to mark the Festival of Chanukah, eight day Jewish holiday commemorating the success of the Jewish Maccabean army against Syrian oppression, and the liberation and rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem nearly 2,200 years ago. Tickets are required. **Date and time to be determined**. For further ticket information please call 202-332-5600.

#### Rock Creek Park, D.C.

**BioBlitz**, **May 18 & 19**: The Rock Creek Park BioBlitz, presented and sponsored by National Geographic and the National Park Service – Rock Creek Park, is a 24-hour inventory of the species in Rock Creek Park. Teams of scientists and naturalists, along with volunteers, will comb the park observing and recording as many species as possible. The goals of the BioBlitz are to add to species lists for as many taxonomic groups as possible, and to increase public awareness about Biodiversity in an urban environment. For more information about this event, contact the park at (202) 895-6004.

# U.S. Navy Memorial, Washington, D.C.

Wreath Laying Ceremony - A wreath-laying ceremony in observance of Memorial Day -

Takes place at the Navy Memorial on **May 28** at 1 p.m. For further information call 202-737-2300.

*The United States Navy Band* - Outdoor concert at the Navy Memorial on **May 28** at 8 p.m. For further information call 202-737-2300.

*Wreath Laying Ceremony* - The Naval District of Washington will lay a wreath at the Lone Sailor Statue in commemoration of Veterans Day on **November 11** at 1 p.m. The U.S. Navy Ceremonial Band, Ceremonial Guard and Color Guard will participate in the public ceremony. For further information call 202-737-2300.

*Wreath Laying Ceremony* - **December 7** at 1 p.m. to commemorate the attack on Pearl Harbor. Contact: 202-737-2300.

#### Vietnam Veterans Memorial, D.C.

*Groundbreaking Anniversary*, March 26 – A special ceremony will be held at the Wall to commemorate the anniversary of the groundbreaking ceremony.

*Memorial Day Observance* - This year's annual Memorial Day observance on **May 28** at 1 p.m. pays tribute to those that served and died in Vietnam. The ceremony will include Presentation of the Colors, remarks by special guest. The observance also includes a lying of wreaths by Patriotic Organizations. Contact: 202-619-7222.

*Veterans Day Observance* – Veterans Day will be observed with speeches, speakers and color guard, and a wreath-laying ceremony on **November 11** at 1 p.m. at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. For further information call 202-619-7222.

*Vietnam: In Their Own Words* - This year marks the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam Women's Memorial. Come and witness Vietnam: In Their Own Words-Throughout the day (**November 11**, 8 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.) storytelling will be featured every 10-15 minutes near the Vietnam Women's Memorial, located at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Constitution Ave. NW. Children and families will find the stories compelling and educational. For further information call 301-314-8505 or visit www.VietnamWomensMemorial.org.

# **Northeast Region**

# **Booker T. Washington National Monument, VA**

*Juneteenth Event*, **June 16**: Share in the fellowship, fun, and festivities to celebrate one of the most important moments in our nation's history, the moment of emancipation. Great music will be provided by various regional gospel groups. The celebration will be a family affair for all. Throughout the day, there will be opportunities for the young and

young at heart to learn more about Washington's life and various meanings of freedom through the park's Junior Ranger Program. Everyone is invited to attend.

The celebration commemorates the release of approximately four million people of African descent from the bonds of slavery after the end of the Civil War. Booker T. Washington remembered the great day of emancipation stating his mother "was standing by my side, leaned over and kissed her children, while tears of joy ran down her cheeks.

For additional information about this program and the many other programs offered by the park throughout the year, please contact Park Ranger Tim Sinclair at Booker T. Washington National Monument at (540) 721-2094.



Colonial National Historic Site

#### Colonial National Historical Park, VA

**400th** Anniversary of Jamestown, May 11- 13: Colonial NHP will hold three days of events celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in America on May 11-13, 2007. For a more detailed list of events scheduled for this special event, contact the park at (757) 898-3400 or visit the park web site at <a href="https://www.nps.gov/colo/">www.nps.gov/colo/</a>

#### **Eisenhower National Historic Site, PA**

World War II Weekend, September 15 & 16: The Park will sponsor a WWII living history weekend at the Eisenhower NHS. An authentic recreation of both Allied and German army camps, complete with original WWII vehicles, will be set up on the site. Over 150 living history enthusiasts will portray military personnel from the European Theater in 1944. Several featured guest speakers, all veterans of WWII, will give talks about their war time experiences. The encampment is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information about this event, fees, and to make reservations, contact 1 877 438-8929, or contact the park at (717) 338-9114.

#### Fort Necessity National Battlefield, PA

*Pike Days*, **May 19 & 20**: The National Pike Festival held every year is the "world's longest festival". Celebrations continue along 300 miles of the Historic National Road. In Pennsylvania, the festival is held during the third weekend in May and is organized by

volunteers from every community along the road. The park will host programs relating to the National Road from 10:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m. each day at the Mount Washington Tavern. For more information about this event, contact the park at (724) 329-5470.

**Battle Anniversary Program**, **July 3**: Join staff as they celebrate and commemorate the 253<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the capitulation of Fort Necessity. For more information, contact the park at (724) 329-5811.

#### Fort Stanwix National Monument, NY

*Honor America Days Concert*, **July 28**: Come join park staff and bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a concert played by the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra honoring America. A grand illumination concludes the concert as cannons and muskets from the Fort and fireworks accompany the "1812 Overture" and "Stars and Stripes Forever". 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm. For more information about this event, contact the park at (315) 338-7730.

#### Revolutionary War Living History Weekend, Wintering at the Fort: November 10 &

**11**: The park will present a special living history weekend on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Visitors will be able to enjoy historic weapons demonstrations s as well as military drill and camp life. For more information, contact the park at (315) 329-5811.

#### Frederick Law Olmstead National Historic Site, MA

Earth Day program at Olmsted Park, April 22, 1:00 pm Franklin Park from "A" to Z" walk, April 29, 1:00 pm

Back Bay Fens Bird Walk (cosponsored by the Brookline Bird Club), May 6, 7:00 am Jamaica Pond: Of Ponds and Plans walk, May 20, 1:00 pm

*Franklin Park Poetry Tours* (co-led with Christine Poff of the Franklin Park Coalition), **June 2**, 4:00 pm.

Forest Hills Cemetery/Franklin Park walk (co-led with Cecily Miller of the Forest Hills Educational Trust), June 3, 11:00 am

"A Short Walk on a Long Day" Summer Solstice walk at Franklin Park (cosponsored by Franklin Park Coalition), June 21: 6:00 or 7:00 pm

# Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, VA

143<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness, May 5 & 6: Living history event will commemorate the 143<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness with infantry programs focusing on the Union soldier experience during the battle. There will be a field hospital set up at historic Ellwood all weekend. Special tours will be offered by park rangers. This event takes place on the actual anniversary dates. For more information, contact the park at (540) 373-6122.

*Lincoln at Chatham*, May 20: The park will offer a series of programs commemorating Lincoln's May 23, 1862 visit to Chatham.

*Illumination of the Fredericksburg National Cemetery*, **May 26**: From 8-11 p.m., the community places 15,000 candles—one for every man buried in the cemetery. Volunteers staff tour stops throughout the cemetery. Taps played every half hour. Rain date, May 27.

Memorial Day Observance, May 28, Fredericksburg National Cemetery. 11 a.m.

*Chatham Living History Event*, **June 23-24**: Infantry and artillery programs and firing demonstrations, tours of the house, special programs.

Artillery Weekend at Hazel Grove and Fairview, July 14-15: Artillery programs and firing demonstrations on both the Union and Confederate experience at Chancellorsville.

Artillery Weekend at Marye's Heights, August 11-12: Artillery programs and firing demonstrations on Marye's Heights, overlooking the Sunken Road.

145th Anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg, December 8-9: Living History weekend will commemorate anniversary of the battle. Infantry and artillery will be located at the Sunken Road and Marye's Heights. Special tours, firing demonstrations, and the Innis House will be open. On December 9, at 2 p.m., a special ceremony commemorating the 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg, will be held at the Kirkland Monument.

**Ranger Programs**, **June 8 to August 10**: Park ranger s and historians will present special interpretive programs about various aspects of the several battles fought around the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania area. For more information about these programs and other special events, contact the park at (540) 373-6122.



Friendship Hill National Historic Site

#### Friendship Hill National Historic Site, PA

**Spring Concert**, **May 6**: The park is pleased to present an afternoon spring concert performed by the Albert Gallatin South Middle School Band. The spring concert will begin at 2:00 p.m. on the north lawn of the Gallatin mansion. The public is asked to bring folding chairs or blankets for their comfort while listening to the performance. For more information about this concert, contact the park at (724) 725-9190.

#### Gateway National Recreation Area (Sandy Hook Unit), NJ

Ocean Fun Day and Sandy Hook Defenses Day, Sunday, May 20: NPS and the NJ Marine Sciences Consortium offer a day of demonstrations and family activities centered on Sandy Hook's ocean environment and military past. There will be living history reenactors from the time of the Revolution to the Cold War era.

*Sandy Hook Beach Concerts*, **Wednesdays, June through Labor Day**: Evening concerts on the beach presented by the Sandy Hook Foundation, the park's Friends Group. A different band plays each Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Beach Area E. Concert schedule will be available in May.

*Sandy Hook Lighthouse Day*, Saturday, **June 9**: This annual event marks the anniversary of America's oldest Lighthouse first lighted in June 1764. This day of tours, displays and music is sponsored by the NPS, the Sandy Hook Foundation and the NJ Lighthouse Society.

*Cold War Day*, Sunday, **September 23**: Tours and displays at Sandy Hook's Nike missile launch and radar facilities that protected the New York Area in the '950s through 1970s. Tours led by Cold War veterans.

Fort Hancock Establishment Day, Sunday, October 28: Mark the anniversary of the 1895 founding of Fort Hancock. Tours through buildings not usually open to the public.

Fort Hancock Christmas in the 1940s, Weekends in December: The History House museum, a furnished home on Fort Hancock's Officers Row will be decorated from the period when the post was most active. There are different activities every day, including music from the '40s, craft workshops and a visit by Santa. Program schedule will be available November.

For information on these are other programs contact the Sandy Hook Visitor Center at (732) 872-5970 or visit: <a href="www.nps.gov/gate">www.nps.gov/gate</a>

# George Washington Birthplace National Monument, VA

**Spring on the Plantation**, **May 5**: George Washington was a product of plantations and to understand him it helps to understand Plantation life. Join park staff at Pope's Creek Plantation as the daily activities of the plantation come to life with sheep shearing, open hearth cooking, spinning, blacksmithing and more. For more information about this program, contact the park at (804) 224-1732.

#### John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site, MA

Conference for educators, school librarians and historians entitled, "One Country, Many Voices: Teaching American History through Children's Literature," cosponsored with John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. March 24.

**Public Ceremony** highlighting students' poems and essays on what John F. Kennedy means to them. The ceremony is the culmination of a month-long study of John F. Kennedy undertaken by third grade students at the nearby Edward Devotion School. **May 21 or May 22** (or possibly another date the same week).

#### **Longfellow National Historic Site, MA**

**Public Poet, Private Man: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow at 200**, **January 17 - April 21**: An exhibition at Harvard University, Houghton Library, Cambridge, MA., Free and open to the public. For more information about this event, contact the park at (617) 876-4491.

In collaboration with the National Park Service/Longfellow National Historic Site, Harvard University's Houghton Library has organized a commemorative exhibit as part of the Longfellow Bicentennial year-long celebration, entitled "Public Poet, Private Man: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow at 200." Curated by Christoph Imscher, author of Longfellow Redux, the exhibit offers an innovative view of the poet's connection with his audience and his efforts to give an international dimension to American Literature. Using manuscripts, drawings, photographs and objects from the collections of the Houghton Library and the Longfellow National Historic Site, this exhibit creates a portrait of the professional author, devoted friend, and loving family man, bringing humor and humanity to our view of this American icon.

Drawing Together: The Arts of the Longfellows, February 16-June 3: An exhibition at the Maine Historical Society, Portland, Maine, www.mainehistory.org/ In collaboration with the National Park Service/Longfellow National Historic Site, the Maine Historical Society explores the lives of Henry W. Longfellow and his family through an exhibit of the art they created. Entitled Drawing Together: The Arts of the Longfellows, organized by museum curator John Mayer and guest curator Laura Fecych Sprague, this exhibit features works from the collections of Maine Historical Society, Longfellow National Historic Site and Houghton Library at Harvard University. The exhibit will feature a large number of little-known works, ranging from drawings of Tripoli made in 1804 by Henry Wadsworth, the poet's namesake, to sketches made by Henry and his brother Alexander for and with their children. The objects in this exhibition will reveal not only how drawing, painting, and other artistic pursuits were central to the Longfellows' daily lives but also reflect the rise of arts education in 19th century America.

Longfellow Poems to Music, February 16-June 3: An exhibition at the Maine Historical Society, Portland, Maine, <a href="https://www.mainehistory.org/">www.mainehistory.org/</a> An exhibit of 14 original

sheet music and manuscript compositions of Longfellow's poems set to music on loan from the Longfellow National Historic Site museum collection.

Longfellow and His Contemporaries-Evening Conversations, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 30, (Thursdays): Commentary and discussion between Longfellow's 19<sup>th</sup> century contemporaries (represented by professional actors) and the audience. Edward Everett, Ellen Craft, Walt Whitman, Mark Twain, Emily Dickinson and others will attend. Sponsored by Solo Together/American Theater of Living History and Longfellow National Historic Site. Location – Longfellow NHS Carriage House, 105 Brattle Street, Cambridge, from 6:30 to 8 pm. Free and open to the public. Students, teachers, historians are encouraged to participate. Space limited; reservations required. Please call 617-876-4491.

A 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, March 25: The two-hour gala will educate and inspire while celebrating Longfellow's 200th birthday in the same place where his centennial celebration was held in 1907. The Boston Landmarks Orchestra will accompany a reading of "Paul Revere's Ride." Program sponsored by the Longfellow Bicentennial Committee with the participation of Longfellow National Historic Site. Location – Sanders Theater, Harvard University, from 2 to 4 pm. Free and open to the public.

Additional music, a tribute to Longfellow, and the Haggarty School children's choir of Cambridge will make a festive afternoon. A special Longfellow exhibition at Houghton Library, Harvard University will be open before and after the concert.

# A 200th Birthday Choral Tribute to Henry W. Longfellow, May 5: Harold

**Rosenbaum-**Artistic Director and Conductor. Hear 5 great choral works, inspired by Henry W. Longfellow's poetry, composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan, Sir Edward Elgar, David Del Tredici, Ned Rorem, and Stephen Schwartz (New York Premiere). Melissa Fogarty, soprano, Cristina L. Valdes, piano.

Location: The Great Hall at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, Cooper Square, New York, NY 10003-7120

Tickets: \$25 at door at 7 pm the night of the concert

Or call Ticket Central at (212) 279-4200

Pre-Concert readings of his poems by great-great grandchildren of Longfellow and Longfellow NHS staff begin at 7 PM, and are free to ticket holders. Longfellow's poems were translated throughout the English-speaking world, making him the most famous American of his day.

A Choral Concert for Longfellow's 200th Birthday, July 15: A concert celebrating the life and poetry of one of America's most popular writers. Co-sponsored by The First Parish Church in Portland, Maine, the Friends of the Longfellow House and Longfellow NHS, National Park Service. Location – East lawn and garden of Longfellow NHS, 105 Brattle Street, Cambridge, at 4 pm. Free and open to the public.

The Cambridge Forum: A Poetic Tribute to Henry W. Longfellow, September 23:

Co-sponsored by The Cambridge Forum, Longfellow National Historic Site, The Poetry Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts.

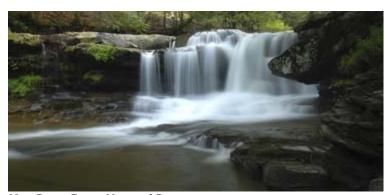
Location – Meetinghouse of First Church, 3 Church Street, Cambridge, MA. Time and speakers to be determined. Open to the public.

#### Lowell National Historical Park, MA

**Lowell Folk Festival**, **July 27 – 29**: This is the largest free Folk Festival in the Nation. The Lowell Folk Festival celebrates the best in traditional folk music, ethnic foods and artisan /crafters. The event is held the last full weekend in July when downtown Lowell becomes a giant family friendly block party free to all. For more information about this event, contact the park at (978) 970-5000 or visit the web site at www.lowellfolfetival.org.

#### Minute Man National Historical Park, MA

**Halloween Tales**, **October 20**: Join park rangers and volunteers in a very spooky, candle-lit setting for an evening of traditional New England ghost stories. Meet at the Hatwell Tavern on Route 2A from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. This program is free to the public. For more information, contact the park at (978) 318-7825.



New River Gorge National River

# New River Gorge National River, WV

Fourth Annual Wildflower Weekend, April 27, 28 & 29: Join park staff for multiple programs throughout the weekend at various locations throughout the park. Learn about the many wildflowers that grow in the area. For more information about this event, contact the park at (304) 465-6523.

Railroad Days, October 13 & 14, and October 20 & 21: This event is an all day railroad excursion on historic railroad cars each Saturday and Sunday. The train leaves Huntington, WV and travels the entire length of New River Gorge National Rive to Hinton, WV where visitors will be able to enjoy music, food a railroad museum and a crafts booth. Park staff will provide interpretation as visitors travel along the rail. For more information about this, contact the park at (304) 465-6523.

**Bridge Day**, **October 20**: New River Gorge Bridge is closed to traffic to allow pedestrians to walk across the steel-arch bridge 876 feet above the New River. Vendors are set up along Route 19 entering and exiting the bridge. Base jumpers from all over the world are allowed to parachute from the bridge with landings on NPS property along the New River. For more information, contact the New River Convention and Visitors Bureau at (304) 465-5617 or call the park at (304) 465-6517.

#### Petersburg National Battlefield, VA

**Battles of Five Forks and Fort Gregg\_March 31**: Ranger programs and living history events will commemorate the 142<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of battles which led to the fall and evacuation of Petersburg. (Free)

Memorial Day at Poplar Grove National Cemetery, Memorial Day Weekend: Over 600,000 soldiers became casualties during the Civil War. Some of the last casualties of the war are buried at Poplar Grove National Cemetery. Join staff members from Petersburg National Battlefield as they tell the tragic stories of men who came so close to their dream of returning home only to have those dreams destroyed.

#### EARTHWORKS! Summer Civil War Camp for Kids 6-12 Years of Age, June 19 –

**July 26**: (Tues. & Thurs) -Four-hour single session camp offers children a hands-on approach to science and history. Participants will sign enlistment papers and prepare themselves for an outdoor adventure which will help them learn about the life of a Civil War soldier. The fee for "Earthworks" is only \$5 per child. For reservations and further information, please contact the Education Specialist of Petersburg National Battlefield at (804) 732-3531, ext. 204.

**Battle of the Crater Anniversary**, **July 28 & 29**: The story of the "horrid pit" will be presented by living historians and park rangers in recognition of the 143<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of a battle which General Grant referred to as a "stupendous failure".

Historic City Point Living History Program, August 4 & 5: City Point, Virginia changed from a quiet little village to one of the busiest port in the world during the Siege of Petersburg. Living historians will attempt to recreate the look and feel of an area that for nearly ten months served as General Grant's Headquarters and logistics base as well as the main Union supply base. (Free)

*Grant's Fourth Offensive*, August 25: Ranger led caravan tour focuses on the Union's effort to destroy one of Petersburg's most important supply lines... the Weldon Railroad, and the Confederate's effort to wrest it back at Reams Station.

Grant's Fifth Offensive, September 29 & 30: Ranger led caravan tour of the Peebles' Farm Battlefield - Ranger talk at City Point which will shed light on General Grant's overall strategy for the offensive

**Poplar Grove National Cemetery Luminary Program**, **November 10**: Veterans Day is a time to remember soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice to defend their country.

Petersburg National Battlefield will honor the Civil War soldiers who were laid to rest at Poplar Grove National Cemetery by lighting luminary candles placed at each of the over 6,000 grave sites. While candles burn, selected stories of soldiers buried within the cemetery walls will be told while Civil War era music plays. (Free)

An Antebellum Plantation Christmas at City Point, December 8: Christmas at the Appomattox Plantation was a special time for both slaves and the plantation owner's family. Join park rangers and living historians to see how a pre-war Christmas was celebrated and was viewed by both sides of this plantation. (Free)

Archaeology Programs, TBA: National Park Service (NPS) archaeologists have discovered a wide array of treasures over the years. City Point, Virginia has been the discovery site of artifacts dating back hundreds of years. These artifacts shed light on the people who lived on this land, both Native Americans and European settlers. Join NPS cultural resource specialist and archaeologist Julia Steele as she provides a PowerPoint program to illustrate just how active City Point has been in this nation's history. (Free)

Partnership Programs with City of Petersburg: Civilians Under Siege, TBA: Ranger guided walking tours and talks will focus on civilian experiences during the siege of Petersburg. These events are free of charge and will take place throughout the year. Details will eventually be listed on Petersburg National Battlefield's web site listed below. (Free)

For more information about these programs, please call Ann Blumenschine at (804) 732-3531, ext. 203. More details will soon be available on Petersburg National Battlefield's web site: <a href="www.nps.gov/pete">www.nps.gov/pete</a>.

#### Saratoga National Historical Park, NY

"Remember the Ladies", March 24: Tea and stories for mothers and daughters. 2pm

18<sup>th</sup> Century Military Encampment, May 12: From 10am to 4pm. Guided Bike Ride Saturday afternoon: 1pm.

*Natural History Walks*, **May-June**: On Saturdays 10 to 11:30am, May 5 &19, June 2 & 16.

Oneida Indian account of the Saratoga Battles, June 24: 1:30 and 3:30pm.

*Children's Series*, **July**: Throughout July, every Thursday at Schuyler House, 1 p.m., with games and crafts for the children.

"Arts in the Park" Music Series, August: Free music every Tuesday in August: 12pm.

**British Encampment**, August 4/5: Regimental finery and heroic tales. 10am to 3pm.

*230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Encampment*, **Sept 15/16**: 10am – 4pm. Living History encampment and Guided Bike Ride Saturday afternoon: 1pm.

For a complete list of special programs and interpretive programs offered by the park, please contact them at (518) 664.9821 ext 224, or on the web site at <a href="https://www.nps.gov/sara">www.nps.gov/sara</a>.

#### Women's Rights National Historical Park, NY

*Wesleyan Chapel Tour*, March 1 & 2: Join a ranger for a guided tour of the Wesleyan Chapel, the site of the First Women's Rights Convention. Tours are held at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. For more information about these special tours, contact the park at (315) 568-2991.

# **Pacific West Region**



Channel Islands National Park

#### Channel Islands National Park, CA

Guided Hikes on the Islands, Everyday: On days that the concessionaire boats run to the islands, guided hikes are offered by rangers or concessionaire naturalists. Guided hike locations, distances and departure times will be announced after arrival on the island during visitor orientation. For more information, contact the park at (805) 658-5730.

*Tidepool Talk*, **Every Sunday and Saturday**: 11:00 am to 11:30 am, and 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Join national park rangers in the visitor center as they show and tell about the many fascinating animals and plants in the marine life exhibit. For more information, contact the park at (850) 658-5730.

# **Crater Lake National Park, OR**

*Junior Ranger Program*, **July through Labor Day**: Visitors 6-12 may become "junior rangers" by participating in this activity. The program is available at the Mazama Campground Amphitheater.

Evening Programs, July through Labor Day: Join park rangers for in-depth presentations of various topics relating to the natural and cultural history of Crater Lake. Specific topics are posted at the visitor centers and campgrounds.

For more information about park programs, contact the park at (541) 594-2211.

#### **Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site, CA**

Student Days at Tao House, March 7, 8, 14 & 15: Participate in workshops in drama, art, writing, and photography, learning from skilled instructors amid the peaceful and creative environment of Tao House. More information is available at the Eugene O'Neill Foundation website. For more information, contact the park at (925) 838-0249.

#### Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, OR

**Summer Living History Programs**, **June 18-September 3**: Costumed rangers entertain and teach each day as they portray the Corps of Discovery. Interpretive talks and programs take place everyday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact the park at (503) 861-2471.

#### Puuhonna o Honaunau National Historical Park, HI

46<sup>th</sup> Annual Establishment Day Cultural Festival, June 30 and July 1<sup>st</sup>: Come and celebrate Hawaiian Culture with traditional demonstrations, royal court procession, canoe rides and a hukilau. For more information about this special event, contact the park at (808) 328-2326.

# Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, NH

**Sculptural Visions**, **September 29**: A special event to celebrate sculpture in its many forms. Artists will demonstrate several types of sculpture techniques, such as modeling with clay, carving of wood and stone, and using gold leaf to gild the finished works. Two sculptures will also be cast in bronze during a demonstration of "lost-wax" bronze casting. Throughout the afternoon there will also be hands-on children's activities. This event and the park will be free all day. For more information about this event, contact the park at (603) 675-2175 x 107.

# **Southeast Region**



Biscayne National Park

#### Biscayne National Park, FL

**Snorkeling Trip**, **Everyday**: One of the best ways to appreciate Biscayne NP is by snorkeling in Biscayne Bay or on the coral reefs offshore. Snorkeling is a fairly simple skill and requires no specialized training. Trip prices include masks, fins, snorkel, flotation vest and instruction. Water time is 60-75 minutes. Program begins with a 15 minute orientation by a park ranger. Program is from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. \$35.00 adults, \$29.95 for kids 12 and under. For more information, contact the park at (305) 230-1144.

Glass Bottom Boat Tour/Island Excursion, Everyday: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Visiting the reefs and islands of Biscayne NP is a highlight of any visit. Calm seas will allow you to view the spectacular underwater world of the coral reef, while windy days afford an opportunity to explore the northernmost Florida Keys on foot. All departures are weather dependent and subject to passenger minimums. \$24.45 adults, \$19.45 seniors, and \$16.45 kids 12 ands under. For more information, contact the park at (305) 230-1100.

*Family Fun Fest*, Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, **January 14 to May 13**: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Family Fun Fest is Biscayne NP's award winning program that provides enjoyable, hands-on, interactive learning opportunities for kids and families. As participants complete activities they receive a punch in their passport to help keep track of their progress and when all five punches are earned, kids receive a special commemorative button. For more information, contact the park at (305) 230-1144.

# **Brices Cross Roads National Battlefield Site, MS**

143<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Encampment, June 9 & 10: A Civil War encampment will take place on site to commemorate the 143<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the battle of Brices Cross Roads. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the park at (662) 365-3969.

# Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site, NC

Sandburg Solo Guitar Recital, March 7: The annual Carl Sandburg Solo Guitar Recital is part of the "Old Troubadour Series" sponsored by Wofford College showcasing

internationally know classical musicians. 7:00 to 8:00 pm. This year's featured performers are Douglas James and Pasquale Rucco from Italy. For more information, contact the park at (828) 693-4178.

**Sandburg Folk Music Festival**, **May 28**: The festival honors Carl Sandburg and his preservation of traditional folk songs. Sandburg began collecting folk songs, playing the guitar, banjo and harmonica in the early 1900s to enhance his lectures. From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information, contact the park at (828) 693-4178.

1850 Historic Connemara Walking Tours, June 2: Take a walk back in time to 1850 and learn about the early history of Connemara before the Sandburg's arrived. At 10 am, 11 am, 2 pm and 3 pm. Contact the park at (828) 693-4178 for more information.

#### Congaree National Park, SC

*Canoeing Congaree*, **Every Sunday**: Let a park ranger guide you through the Spanish moss laden Cypress and Tupelo trees on Cedar Creek. You may see river otters and white-tailed dear. Reservations are required. For more information, contact the park at (803) 776-4396 to make reservations.

#### Fort Pulaski National Monument, GA

145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Siege of Fort Pulaski, April 14 & 15: Fort Pulaski NM ill present a special two-day event to commemorate the 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Siege and Reduction of Fort Pulaski. The historic battle was fought April 10-11, 1862, and included the use of hard-hitting rifled cannons. Within 30 hours Union forces on nearby Tybee Island breeched the 7 foot thick walls of the fort, demonstrating the power of new, long-range weaponry and signal ling the end of masonry fortifications. For more information about this event, contact the park at (912) 786-5787.

*Founder's Day at Fort Pulaski*, **August 27**: The park will help celebrate the 91<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the NPS with activities at the historic fort, including musket drills, soldier talks and special presentations. For more information about this event, contact the park at (912) 786-5787.

# Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, NC

226<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend, March 17 & 18: Guilford CH NMP. Tannenbaum Historic Park and Price Park will host a series of events for the annual observance of the Revolutionary War Battle of Guilford Courthouse. The 226<sup>th</sup> anniversary will feature a weekend of activities including encampments by re-created Revolutionary War military units, military and civilian demonstrations, a formal observance program, battlefield guided walks, military music, and the annual battle re-enactment at Price Park. For more information about this event, contact the park at (336) 288-1776.

# Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, AL

193<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, March 24 & 25. For more information, contact the park at (256) 234-7111.

### **Moores Creek National Battlefield, NC**

Colonial Carolina Folkways & Trade Faire, May 5: 18<sup>th</sup> Century crafters demonstrate their wares and skills at this special event. Held at the park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact the park at (910) 283-5591.

#### Ninety-Six National Historic Site, SC

**Revolutionary War Days**, **April 14 & 15**: See history come to life through an authentic encampment of the Revolutionary War era. Reenactors will depict military and camp life activities. Talk with Patriot and Loyalist soldiers. Observe such 18<sup>th</sup> century skill demonstrations as musket ands artillery firings, bayonet competitions, and much more. The event will take place at the park from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. For more information about this event, contact the e park at (864) 543-4068.



Russell Cave National Monument

#### Russell Cave National Monument, AL

Native American Festival 2007, May 5 and 6: The two-day 2007 Native American Festival includes authentic demonstrations of Native American tools and weapons, lifeways, encampments by more than fifty Native American artisans and craftspeople. Handmade art objects and food items will be available for purchase. Activities for the entire family include listening to Native American stories, legends and music, joining in circle dancing, spear throwing using and atlatl, bow and arrow demonstrations, blowgun demonstrations, pottery crafts for kids, gourd planting for kids and much more. The event is held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. For more information about this event, contact the park at (256) 495-2672.

### Stones River National Battlefield, TN

Nineteenth United States Infantry, May 5 & 6: The nineteenth United States Infantry was part of the Regular Brigade of the Army of the Cumberland. That small unit faced and passed one of its toughest tests on December 31, 1862 securing an endangered sector of the federal position while losing nearly half its men. Members of a unit dedicated to telling the story of the Regulars will present programs and historic weapons demonstrations that focus on the heroic efforts of the Regular Brigade and the experiences of individual soldiers within that unit. Programs will be offered at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm on Saturday, and at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, and 2 pm on Sunday. For more information about this event, contact the park at (615) 893-9501.

# New or Rehabilitated Facilities Opening in 2007 - 2009

#### 2007

#### **Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Illinois**

New Permanent Exhibits, January: A model of 1860 Springfield, a recreated log cabin float from a rally parade that passed by the Lincoln Home, a photographer's camera set up to capture the Lincoln Home and a teamster's wagon are adding new life to the streetscape and Visitor Center at Lincoln Home National Historic Site. The new permanent exhibits are designed to put Abraham Lincoln and his family's lives into context with their neighbors and friends. The model includes fiber optic paths that show the path Lincoln wandered to work every day, the many places he visited on Election Day 1860 and the route his casket took around Springfield on its way out to Oak Ridge Cemetery in 1865. Audio soundsticks recount newspaper articles of various events happening around Springfield before during and after Lincoln's run for the White House, including a moving rendition of Lincoln's Farewell Address to the people of Springfield, read by Sam Waterston (Law & Order). Outside, a work table illustrates the daily chores experienced by the Lincolns, a photographer's set-up showcases the Lincoln Home through the years, a sitting area wayside provides an audio reading of some letters Mary wrote to neighbors and relatives, and two wagons add life-size props to the streetscape while providing information on Lincoln's presidential campaign and the ethnic and economic diversity of his neighbors. The exhibits were designed by Krister Olmon, Inc. of Los Angeles, CA and fabricated by Exhibitology in Paterson, NJ. In addition, new orientation signs and new safety signs were added throughout the park. The park Visitor Center is open 8:30-5, daily (except Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years Days). Outdoor exhibits are open at all times. For more information about this new permanent exhibit, contact the park at (217) 492-4241.

# Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, Washington, D.C.

The Frederick Douglass Home has been closed to the public for major repair/rehab since April 2006. The anticipated *reopening* is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on **February 14**, 2007.

# **Thomas Stone National Historic Site, Maryland**

Grand Opening Ceremony for New Visitor Center, Tentative Date - March 24, 2007, Time: to be determined. Location: Thomas Stone National Historic Site, Port Tobacco. Opening ceremony to unveil the newly completed park visitor center facility. Free. For more information, contact the park at (301) 392-1776.

# **Boston National Historical Park, MA**

*Bunker Hill Monument National Historic Site Reopening*, **April 2**, 2007: Closed since May 2006 for a \$3.7 million rehabilitation, the Bunker Hill Monument and grounds will reopen to the public on April 2, 2007. Built between 1825 and 1843, the Bunker Hill

Monument commemorates the American Revolution's first major battle. Visitors may climb the monument's 294 steps.

#### Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, Colorado

**Dedication of the establishment of the Sand Creek Massacre NHS**, **April 28**: The public portion of the event will take place on Saturday afternoon, at the Kiowa County Fairgrounds, Eads, Colorado. The afternoon activities will feature displays, American Indian cultural programs, and other information relevant to the history and establishment of the Sand Creek Massacre NHS.

The non-public (by invitation only) portion of the event will be held at the massacre site on Saturday, April 28, 2007. The morning program will be limited to approximately 400-500 people (tribal members, educators, partners, neighboring landowners, Congressional staff, NPS Reps., etc.). Featured activities will include speeches and memorialization activities. Tentative start time is 9:00.

#### **Voyageurs National Park, Minnesota**

*Grand Re-Opening* of the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center, including new exhibits will take place in **May** 2007 - exact date TBD.

#### Homestead National Monument of America, Nebraska

The grand opening of the *new heritage center* is set to coincide with the 145th anniversary of homesteading on **May 18**, 2007. Agriculture Secretary Johannes may be attending this event. The new Homestead Heritage Center will share with the public the national aspects of the Homestead Act of 1862 and its effects on the people, land, and world. The center will be a 10,600 square foot facility housing a museum and a curatorial storage area. It will also serve as repository for the Homestead Land-Entry Case files. This distinctive, two story building will provide a visual connection to natural and cultural resources found on the Freeman Homestead Claim.

# Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, Pennsylvania

**Zane Grey Museum re-opening**, **May 26**. Devastated by the June 2006 flood, extensive repairs were made to the utilities and foundation of the Zane Grey House. Join us for the grand re-opening of the Zane Grey Museum.

#### Monocacy National Battlefield, Maryland

The *new Visitor Center* at Monocacy National Battlefield is scheduled for completion in **April or May** 2007.

# Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Virginia

The *Main Gate Project* is scheduled to be completed in the early **Spring** of 2007. This is a \$3,000,000.00 line item construction project. We will be coordinating with the Wolf Trap Foundation for any ceremony to celebrate its completion.

# San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, California

Completion, re-christening, and *launching of the C.A. Thayer* is scheduled for late **Spring** 2007.

#### Minuteman Missile National Historic Site, South Dakota

The park has announced an exciting visitor opportunity for Summer 2007. For the first time ever, the park will be *opening Launch Facility (Missile Silo) Delta-09* to drive up visitation. On weekday mornings (Monday – Friday), 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., from Memorial Day to Labor Day the site will be staffed by a park ranger ready to provide interpretation of this historic resource. Visitors will be allowed access to a site which housed a Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missile for nearly three decades. Inside the site, visitors can peer down through a glass viewing enclosure at a Minuteman training missile on display. Launch Facility Delta-09 is located just off exit 116, Interstate 90. It is approximately 15 miles west of park headquarters. Minuteman Missile NHS was established by Congress in 1999 to tell the story of the Minuteman ICBM system, the personnel who served at the 1,000 sites throughout the upper Great Plains, the impact of the system on the communities nearby and the story of the Cold War. Following the transfer of the property from the United States Air Force in September 2002, the National Park Service began preparing the site for public tours. More information about the site can be found on the internet at <a href="https://www.nps.gov/mimi">www.nps.gov/mimi</a> or call the park at 605-433-5552.

#### George Washington Carver National Monument, Missouria

The new park *visitor center* dedication is scheduled for **May**, 2007.

# Glacier National Park, Montana

Glacier NPs *Going-to-the Sun Road transit/shuttle System* will begin service on **July 1**, 2007. The new *Apgar Transit Center* will also be completed in **June** 2007 and will support the Sun Road transit system. The transit center will provide exhibits on park areas as well as interactive kiosks for visitor self-service trip planning. Kiosks will have Pod casts, eTours of the Sun Road, eHikes and later will provide similar state-of-the-art computer features of other park areas and features in the park. The shuttle system is being phased in, so expect some minor fine tuning the first season out.

# **Boston National Historical Park, MA**

Bunker Hill Monument & Museum Ribbon-cutting Ceremony, June 14, 2007: Celebrate the grand opening of the Bunker Hill Museum. Learn about the Battle of Bunker Hill, the story of the Bunker Hill Monument, and the history of the Charlestown community, where the Monument is located, through historic artifacts and an audiovisual display. The museum is in Monument Square next to the Bunker Hill Monument National Historic Site.

# Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Wisconsin

*Raspberry Island Lighthouse Grand Opening*. Raspberry Island Lighthouse has been closed for two years while being structurally rehabilitated and furnished to the 1924 era

when Keeper Benton was on duty at that light. The Grand Opening will be held on **June 17**, 2007.

#### Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site, Hawaii

The grand opening of the *new park visitor center* is scheduled for **July**, 2007.

#### Cumberland Island National Seashore, Georgia

The *Rehabilitated Plum Orchard Mansion* will be completed in **August** 2007, at a cost of \$ 2.1 million in public funds. The rehabilitated mansion will be opened for public tours.

#### **Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming**

The opening of the new Grand Teton Discovery and Visitor Center near park headquarters in Moose, WY is expected in **mid-August** this year. The new center will offer innovative and interactive exhibits, and provide exciting ways for visitors to discover the many wonders of Grand Teton National Park. The building incorporates some intriguing architectural designs that will invite visitors in, and focus their attention on stunning views of the Teton Range through floor to ceiling picture windows. Once open, the center will become a "must-see" destination in and of itself for all park visitors.

#### **Grand Portage National Monument, Minnesota**

The *new Grand Portage Heritage Center* is set for completion in **August/September** 2007. The monument's 710 acres lie entirely within the boundaries of Grand Portage Ojibwe Indian Reservation. The reconstructed depot (originally built in the early 1800's) celebrates fur trade and Ojibwe lifeways.

# Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, Arkansas

The *new visitor center at Central High School* will be completed in **September** 2007 during the 50th anniversary of the historic events that took place there in 1957. The new facility will provide significantly expanded space for interpretive and educational programming, special events, the storage and preservation of historic archives and museum objects. The new Visitor Center will have about 3,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space to accommodate the high increase in visitation and adequate exhibit space to interpret more of the stories related to the 1957 desegregation crisis and civil rights. The anniversary commemoration will be held on **September 24 & 25**.

# **Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming**

The opening of the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve (LSR Preserve) welcome center. This innovative new center will encourage visitors to contemplate the natural world, while learning about how philanthropy and stewardship have helped to shape the National Park System. In addition to the LSR Preserve Center, the 1,106-acre former JY Ranch property will be open to the public, providing hiking trails that allow visitors to explore the forests, streams and pristine Phelps Lake that were previously part of a private retreat. Thanks to an incredible donation made by the late Laurance S.

Rockefeller, this facility and property will become part of Grand Teton National Park and be available for the public to enjoy (beginning **early September**).

### Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina

The new *Regional Destination Visitor Center* will be completed and dedicated in **September** 2007. Cost of construction was \$6.9 million in public funds.

#### Hampton National Historic Site, Maryland

The park will celebrate a *grand re-opening of the Hampton Mansion*, considered one of the finest examples of high Georgian architecture in the nation, after two years of extensive rehabilitation. The HVAC system utilizes a geothermal ground loop, making it truly environmentally sensitive. With the re-opening, the public will also be treated to the complete restoration of the drawing room to its high Victorian taste. The re-opening is scheduled for **November** 2007.

#### Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico

The project is rehabilitating the existing 1950's vintage *Visitor Center* to an efficient attractive facility that takes advantage of its unique location and reduces impacts to the park's primary resource. While all of the buildings systems are beyond their useful life, the proposed solution uses nearly all the existing structure and shell. Completion is scheduled for **December** 2007 at a cost of \$ 7.7 million.

#### 2008

# Independence National Historical Park, Pennsylvania

The park will be dedication in **January** 2008, a *new outdoor interpretive display* on the site where both George Washington and H John Adams lived while serving as our first two Presidents when Philadelphia was the nation's capital from 1790-1800.

# Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky

The *rehabilitated Mammoth Cave Visitor Center* will be completed in **January** 2008 with \$7.9 million in public funds. The funding is being provided from entrance fee revenues

# Gettysburg National Military Park, Pennsylvania

The *Wills House* in downtown Gettysburg is scheduled to come on-line in the **winter/spring** of 2008. The Wills House is on the National Register of Historic Places, and enjoys national renown as the place where President Abraham Lincoln spent the night before delivering the Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863. This is a line-item construction project (earmarked by Senator Santorum), which will rehabilitate the structure to its 1863 appearance, and install exhibits for its future life as a public Lincoln Museum.

#### Gettysburg National Military Park, Pennsylvania

The *new museum/visitor center for Gettysburg National Military Park* is currently scheduled to come on-line in the **spring** of 2008. This 139,000 square foot facility will contain a new park visitor center, a 24,000 square feet museum of Gettysburg in the Civil War, a new gallery to display the restored Cyclorama Painting, curatorial space, office space, limited food service, and a book and museum store. Funds for the \$68 million facility have been raised by the Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum Foundation, which will also operate the facility on behalf of the NPS (at no cost to the NPS) for twenty years. After that, both the land and the facility will be donated to the NPS.

#### Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitor Center, Alaska

This *new facility* will house the Fairbanks Alaska Public Lands Information Center (run by the NPS for all federal and state land managers), the Fairbanks Convention and Visitor Bureau, Tanana Chiefs Conference, and Denakkanaaga's cultural and education programs. Funding to date has been about \$16 million in federal funds (through NPS statutory aid), and small amounts of private contributions. State funding is expected to total \$4 million. **Spring** 2008 is the estimated completion date.

#### Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming & Montana

Replacement of the current *Old Faithful Visitor Center* with a building that encourages visitors to enter and explore what they can do in the park and gather information about the thermal features found within the park. Partners are providing \$15,000,000 and the NPS \$12,206,000 towards this facility. Completion date is **June** 2008.

### Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming & Montana

This project is a restoration of the *West Wing of Old House at Old Faithful Inn*, including upgrade of utility infrastructure, provide structural stabilization and improve fire/safety. Completion is expected in **June** 2008 at a cost of \$ 11 million.

# Denali National Park, Alaska

**Replacement of the Eielson Visitor Center** in Denali National Park is under way, and scheduled for opening in **Summer** 2008. This project was funded with \$9.6 million in Federal funds.

# Western Arctic National Parklands Heritage & Visitor Center, Alaska

**The Western Arctic Center** in Kotzebue, Alaska is under construction and should be completed in the **Summer** of 2008. The project was funded with \$ 12 million in Federal funds.

# Ford's Theatre National Historic Site, Washington, DC

NPS, in partnership with Ford's Theatre Society (FTS), will make *life-safety and accessibility improvements* to the site. The FY 07 Construction Program includes \$3.2 million for Phase 1; FY 08 Construction Program includes \$3.3 million for Phase 2. FTS will provide \$2.3 million in FY 07 for improvements that are their responsibility

(lighting, stage rigging, etc.) under the terms of a general agreement. Completion of all work is scheduled for August 2008 to coincide with the planned Presidential Gala at Ford's Theatre to be held in **September** 2008.

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Washington, DC

Authorized Nov 1996 (P.L. 104-33), this *new memorial* will be built by the MLK, Jr Foundation on a 7 acre site on the northwest corner of the Tidal Basin, along Independence Avenue. Concept design has been approved. FY 06 Interior Appropriations Act provides \$10 million for the memorial as a match to private contributions received between July 26, 2005 and November 12, 2008. Construction could begin in 2007, with **completion in 2008**.

#### Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming & Montana

The *Grant Village Visitor Center* is being rehabilitated. The work includes roof and exterior stain, replace heating system, modify entire building to be handicap accessible, and construct backcountry office adjacent to visitor center. Expected completion is **September** 2008 at a cost of \$ 500,000.

#### Lassen Volcanic National Park, California

The park is scheduled to complete and open its *new visitor center* in the **Fall** of 2008.

#### Mount Rainier National Park, Washington

Completion of the *new Visitor Center and the Paradise Inn Restoration* project is scheduled **TBA** for 2008. Paradise Inn is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### 2009

# Vietnam Veterans Center, Washington, DC

Authorized Nov 2003 (P.L. 108-126), this *underground visitor facility* "at or near" the Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be built by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. VVMF has begun a \$60 million fundraising campaign. NPS and VVMF are preparing requisite EA to gain site approval for the area south of Constitution Avenue, between Bacon Drive and 23rd Street. VVMF anticipates **completion in 2009**.

# Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina

The *rehabilitation of Bodie Island Lighthouse* will be completed in **May** 2009, at a cost of \$3.8 million in public funds.

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, North Carolina
The rehabilitation of the Fort Raleigh Visitor Center Complex will be completed in May of 2009, with \$5.2 million in public funds.

# <u>Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida</u>

The *replacement Visitor Center Facilities* at Cedar Point will be completed in **May** 2009 at a cost of \$ 3.3 million in public funds.